GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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ALCOHOL LEVEL IN PETROL
ANANDRAO ADSUL;M.V.V.S MURTHI

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned `Increase alcohol level in petrol` appearing in the `Hindu` dated April 17, 2002.

(b) If so, whether it is a fact that selling petrol blended with ethanol will reduce pollution and benefit industry as well as farmers in the country; and

(c) If so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas & Minister of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs (Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Government have decided to supply 5% ethanol-doped-petrol in the country in two phases. The major sugar growing states of Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Punjab, Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh would be covered during phase I and rest of the States/Union Territories during phase - II.